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Electronic Connectivity in Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes any scheme to provide electronic connectivity in ports in order to reduce freight charges and ensure better transportation of goods;
(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
(c) the details of ports identified for implementation of such scheme; and
(d) the time by which these ports are likely to be provided with the electronic connectivity under the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):For providing electronic connectivity in Ports, Government of India (GOI) has implemented Port Community System.This is intended to integrate the electronic flow of trade related documents/information and functions as a centralized hub for ports of India and other stakeholders like Shipping Lines/Agents, Surveyors, Stevedores, Banks, Container Freight Stations, Customs House agents, Importers, Exporters, Railways/CONCOR, Government regulatory agencies, etc. for exchanging electronic messages in a secure manner.

The main objectives of the PCS are :
â€¢ Develop a centralized web-based application, which act as SINGLE WINDOW, for the port community members/stakeholders to exchange messages electronically in secure fashion.
â€¢ Reduce transaction time & cost in port business
â€¢ Achieve paperless regime in port sector
â€¢ Implement an e-commerce portal for port community

(c)&(d): All the 12 Major Ports and six non Major Ports have been integrated online with PCS that cover around 92% of total EXIM Trade by volume.
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